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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
84	71	61
61	45	38
30%	40%	10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

225,000

Number of dollars Baldwin County hopes to raise for Relay For Life in 2008

Source: www.relayforlife.org



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Luigis employee James Bush pulls a fresh pizza from the oven. Luigis is currently hiring for all positions. Check out the list of all the companies in Milledgeville that are currently hiring and in the future.

Summer job hunt starts

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

In today's fast-paced, competitive society, students have found that searching for a summer job has become a very challenging task.

When applying for jobs, students contemplate the wages, location and benefits of their possible future employers. Benefits can often make low wages appear more appealing, and with gas prices on the rise, convenient locations will allow students to spend their paychecks on things other than gas.

However, with school quickly coming to an end, students may wonder what options they have for the summer. Should students go home and find a job? Or should they remain here in Milledgeville, find a job and possibly even take a class?

While there are endless options, the following chart reveals some of the jobs available in Milledgeville during the summer.

"(I) plan to go home for the summer; however, I also plan to work (at Maurices) in the fall," said Sheila Healy, a GCSU student who currently works at Maurices.

One benefit of a local summer job is it could possibly turn into a part time job during the academic school year. Showing up to work on time, fulfilling job responsibilities and being a pleasant employee are all ways to help turn a seasonal job into much more.

Michael Hague is a student and works at Blackbird Coffee.

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ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Chachi Avirett works at Blackbird Coffee and likes the people there. "We're like a family," Chachi said. "We've got a small staff so we're all really close."

Company	Hiring Now	Later	Apply Online
Rue 21	no	yes	yes
Maurices	yes	yes	yes
Belk	no	yes	yes
Office Max	yes	yes	yes
Kay Jewelers	yes	yes	no
Scoops	yes	yes	no
Sonic	yes	yes	yes
Chili's Bar	yes	yes	yes
Luigis	yes	yes	no
Amicis	yes	yes	no
Applebee's	yes	yes	no
Bo Jo's	no	yes	no
The Brick	no	maybe	no
Barberito's	yes	yes	no
Blackbird	no	yes	no

SABC in process of deciding RSO funds

BY MATT BAUM
SENIOR REPORTER

The Student Activities Budget Committee will be meeting in the next couple weeks and will be determining the appropriation of student activities funds to all RSOs that applied for it.

The SABC is a Student Affairs Advisory Group made up of students representing the student body with the purpose to effectively utilize the Student Activities Fee paid every semes-

ter. "The way it works is that there is a lot of money in a pot, and the SGA execs have to determine where it should go," Ryan Greene, SGA president and SABC chairman, said.

The SABC is comprised of the six Student Government executives (the vice-president, the president pro tempore, the secretary, the treasurer, the attorney-general and the president is the

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SABC by the numbers

\$450,000

Amount given

\$500,000

Requested RSO funding

25

Number of groups requesting

Adams lot coming back soon



BRAYLI JAMES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The parking lot next to Adams Hall, closed due to the installation of a new underground electrical switching station, will reopen Monday, April 14.

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

The parking lot beside Adams Hall, which has been closed since March, should reopen for students and faculty to park their cars on Monday, April 14.

The lot was closed because of the construction of a new underground electrical switching station, which will replace the one cur-

rently located outside of MSU.

"The building is being built behind Harrison House," said Greg Brown, associate director of Auxilliary Services and director of Parking and Transportation Services. "The construction has nothing to do with the lot other than infrastructure and electrical work."

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Library at bottom in resources



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Michael James hunts through the library for sources. The library is among the bottom of state universities in resources.

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

The library, the cornerstone and main attraction of the GCSU campus, is among the bottom of state universities in resources available.

SGA is planning to rectify this problem by instating a library resource fee that would tack on a \$10 charge to student's fees and provide a generated revenue of \$116,000 to get the library headed in the right direction.

At the moment, the fee has been put aside due to the economic situation in the state.

"We on the task force were asked to discontinue work on the fee," Bill Richards, professor of library science, said. "We were asked to draft a proposal to have one when needed, but the state and the Board of Regents have instituted budgetary restraints. It is just not in the budgetary climate to put forth a proposal. The timing is not right. It will put on the shelf until a different budgetary climate arises."

The fee, which originated in fall 2007 in the University Service Committee of University Senate, will be instituted in the fall semester of the 2009-2010 school year if approved.

"The generated \$116,000 a year will get us started," Alicia Torcia, SGA secretary, said. "After a couple of years, the

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MyCATSups email loads, talks future

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

Professors will no longer have to tell their students to "clean out" their myCATS e-mail inboxes because of e-mails bouncing back. The e-mail storage has significantly increased since spring break.

According to an e-mail sent out to students via the Student Digest by Dr. Donald L. Steward, chief information officer and executive director of Information Technology and Marketing Department, "I have taken steps to address the issue raised by the majority of survey respondents by increasing the size of the individual student e-mail boxes from 10MB to 100MB and the maximum attachment size from 1MB to 50MB. For faculty and staff, we raised the e-mail box size to 3GB and the maximum attachment size to 100MB."

Steward's e-mail also reported that the myCATS portal for groups' and classes' limits were raised to the effect that combined disk space has increased from 12MB to 22MB, as well as single file uploads space (1MB to 20MB) and single photo uploads from 1MB to 5MB.

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Six alumni honored in annual awards

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The GCSU Alumni Association has announced the seven winners of the annual Alumni Awards, honoring individuals for successful career achievements and service to the university.

"We are very proud of these individuals and their remarkable careers. They have impacted our community and our world in positive ways. We are so happy to have them linked to our university," said Brenda Mason, chairwoman of the Alumni Awards Committee.

The decision process is always hard because of the

quality of the resumes, according to Mason.

The awards committee receives nomination letters from friends, colleagues and previous professors. After nomination letters, resumes, vitas, biographies, documentation of exceptional career, community and volunteer achievement, and recognition are compiled the committee selects the winners.

Donald Rhodes, president of the Alumni Association, is very excited about the upcoming Alumni Awards Ceremony.

"This event provides the association a wonderful opportunity to honor many GCSU alumni that have achieved much success in

many areas of endeavor. These individuals continue to serve as great representatives of the excellence of GCSU," Rhodes said.

Awards to be presented include:

Mary Ellen Perkins has been awarded the 2008 Alumnae Heritage Award, awarded to an alumna who, in four or more decades, has lived a life that exemplifies the traditions and heritage of the university. Perkins received a Normal Diploma in 1929 and a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She received a Master in Education degree from the University of Georgia in 1947 and completed her doctoral studies at the University of

Minnesota in 1966.

Nancy Cobb has been awarded the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award, awarded to graduates who have excelled in a particular professional field and attained prominence by having a positive effect on either the state, regional or national level. Cobb received a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting in 1991, as a non-traditional student, working and caring for a family of three children.

Donald E. Rhodes has been awarded the 2008 Alumni Service Award, awarded to graduates who have rendered the greatest service in recent years to both the university and the Alumni Association. Rhodes received a Masters of Public Administration in 1988 from GCSU.

Rhodes has been involved with GCSU since attending as a graduate student in 1988. He has taken on leadership roles within the Alumni Association and currently serves as president.

William M. "Matt" Cardoza has been awarded the 2008 Outstanding Recent Alumni Award, awarded to alumni who have graduated within the past ten years and have established notable recognition in a professional or business career and are promising for continued success. Cardoza received a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration in 1998 followed by a Master of Public Administration degree in 2000.

Betty Snyder has been awarded the 2008 Ethel Rae Mozo-Stewart Alumni Community Service Award, awarded to honors alumni with a history of service

that resulted in visible improvements within their community. The award was established to honor an alumna from the class of '46. Snyder graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Art in art.

J. Michael "Mike" Augustine, GCSU director of Admissions, has been awarded the 2008 Honorary Alumnus Award, awarded to a distinctive honor reserved for non-graduates who have contributed outstanding service to the university by working with the GCSU Alumni Association.

Augustine's efforts have led to significant student and alumni initiatives at GCSU. Augustine's diligence in the Office of Admissions has been marked by an increase in freshman applicants, enrolled freshman, average incoming SAT scores and incoming HOPE scholars. Augustine also founded the Student Ambassador Team and an alumni outreach initiative called the Alumni Admissions Recruiting Program. AARTist allows for alumni to contribute to the recruitment process of potential students.

Maxine Goldstein has been awarded the 2008 William Bone Golden Key Award, presented from time to time and reserved to honor friends of GCSU who have rendered to be alumni or connected to the Alumni Association. This award was established to honor alumna William Thomas Bone of the class of 1910.

For more information regarding award recipients please contact Herby Agnew, director of Alumni Relations at 478-445-5767.



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Idol judge and alumnus runs for city council



Joiner

BY APRIL ARGO
STAFF WRITER

Phillip Joiner is a GCSU graduate, Milledgeville resident and a future City Council District 4 candidate. He writes for the Baldwin Bulletin, works at Z97.7 FM, and has been a member of the GCSU Jazz Band. Recently, he served as a GCSU Idol judge for the fourth year in a row. These are just a few highlights on his resume. Joiner sat down with The Colonnade to give readers an opportunity get to know the man who may be representing them and the rest of the historic district in the near future.

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: I was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1976, but I was raised in Athens, Ga., where I spent most of my childhood all the way through high school.

Q: What made you decide to attend GCSU?

A: Well, I had a music scholarship to the University of Georgia but having lived in Athens for a long time, I kind of wanted to do something different. When I was looking around at different colleges like Belmont and LSU - which are some good music programs - I came down to visit GCSU, because I had some mutual friends who were already here, and my best friend in high school said he was coming here. I researched it and thought it was a charming place to go for a year or two to transfer somewhere else and about a year into it, I decided I liked Milledgeville too much and just stayed.

Q: What would you say is the most important thing you learned at GCSU?

A: I think just having the college experience and actually growing into who I am now. I didn't really know who I was or what I wanted to be. I think being here for those five and a half years kind of morphed me into what I want to be, and that is still a continuing growing process. One thing about being in my thirties now is that when I was a freshman in college, I knew that I knew everything. When I graduated college, I kind of thought that I knew everything. Now, in my

thirties, I know that I know absolutely nothing, and I am always going to be looking to grow. I think the thing about being here was the growing up, really.

Q: What was your favorite part of college?

A: I really enjoyed the relationships I made not only with people here at the college but with people in the town, and sort of finding a new place to be and establishing roots. As far as the academia part, I really enjoyed the music department. Georgia College's music department is interesting and neat in the way that if you go to Georgia or even Georgia Southern, you are sort of in the pack of people. Here, if you have a degree of talent, you have a chance to shine and there are a lot of great opportunities.

Q: You stay really involved with the campus and community. What are some things you have done recently?

A: I was asked for the fourth year in a row to be one of the judges for GCSU Idol. Two years ago I was asked to come back to be in the GCSU Jazz Band again. For the next year and a half, I was featured as a musician with them. They invited me to go with them to the Czech Republic for a month last summer.

That was a blast.

Q: What are some of the reasons you would run for the District 4 seat on the City Council?

A: When I first came here, my original plan was just to take some classes, enjoy a small campus and move on. Even later when I graduated, I had plans to go to graduate school elsewhere. I had a scholarship offer at Northern Illinois University, but I continued to choose to stay. I got a job offer to work radio in Atlanta and I turned it down. Finally I realized what I should have known all along, and that was that I just really like this place. I just like to think that I can help affect change. District 4, where I live, is the historic downtown district. A majority of the college students live there. The policies of the district directly influence GCSU students, sometimes in ways they don't realize. From the housing issues, to the downtown business policies, the votes that happen in our city council have a profound effect on student quality of life. I have been in business here for 12 years and I am familiar enough with the college having been a graduate. I understand the mindset of both the town and the college. I think the biggest problem is the split between the locals, if you will, and the college students. I feel like I fit a niche

in the middle. I can speak to both and see both sides.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish if you are elected to the City Council?

A: I never want to be a career politician. I don't want to be a politician of empty promises, but I can tell you what things I am interested in trying. There are a number of things. One would be finding a instrument of compromise to deal with the divisiveness between the community and the college students. Two: I have noticed in the past 12 years the problem with the parking situation. A comprehensive parking deck seems to solve some of the issues. Parking spots have been slowly eliminated to make things more aesthetically pleasing, but I want to assist in getting some grant funding so the college doesn't have to foot the entire bill and the city doesn't have to foot the entire bill, but we can have a comprehensive parking strategy. Bringing and recruiting industry so that the residents of our community can elevate themselves financially - which is really important in today's economy - is something else that needs attention.

Q: To wrap things up, is there anything else you would like the reader's to know about you?

Election '09

Joiner is running for the District 4 seat which is currently held by Ken Vance.

The elections are in November 2009

People living within District 4 can vote for Phillip Joiner. This includes the college dorms and most of the historic district.

In order to vote, you must register to vote in the city of Milledgeville.

For more information on how to register, voting or to find out which City Council district you live in, go to Sos.ga.gov and select the elections tab.

Select the Poll Locator to find out if you are registered, your voting location and your city and state representatives.

A: I am big on being an open door. Most people think that politicians are hard to see. I am always willing to sit like I am sitting here with you today and just talk. No problem is too small or insignificant. If any student would like to give me some thoughts and ideas or help with the campaign, I encourage them to contact me. I am open to any suggestions and any help.

SABC

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chair) that will be holding the office in the fall. These six individuals are responsible for the allocation of thousands of student dollars.

The key to an RSO getting the money it needs or wants is in the proposal. Each RSO desiring funding must submit a formal proposal to SABC detailing the basic who, what, where, when and why of how the money will be used.

"The proposal says what they (the RSO) needs and why and shows their budget for last year and next year and where the money goes," said Greene. "Each group will then individually meet with the Board and we will discuss whether they should get the money or not."

Though, not just any group can apply for money for any old reason. The group must be an RSO on campus (Sweetwater Festival being one of the few exceptions) and must

meet several criteria in their proposal. Essential criteria for obtaining funding from SABC are (1) the program must be of general benefit to the student body and participation in the program must be open to all interested students and (2) the program must be one which the sponsoring organization is clearly better able to present than any other campus organization already being funded.

Student funding to an RSO comes with the understanding that the events and students using the money will uphold the good standing of the university. That being said, it is not often that RSOs will come up empty when applying for money.

"(An RSO) is rarely turned down completely," Greene said. "This is only my second year on the board and first as chair, but very few times have I seen an RSO turned down."

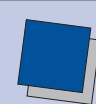
A huge advantage to gaining money from SABC is effective and efficient use of past funds. Greene stated that an RSO that uses

only a small percentage of the funds given the previous year is less likely to get nearly as much this year. Older RSOs that have a longer history and maybe a leader that has effectively used the student money in the past couple years will be more likely to gain funding than a newer RSO that SABC has no way of being sure that student money will be most ably used.

"Recurring RSOs coming (a couple) years in a row will usually get the funding, but there are exceptions" Greene said. "We are not going to assume anything."

Greene went on to explain that SABC must assume there will be a change in leadership inside the RSO and described the allocation as a "crapshoot, unfortunately."

"After hearing each proposal, we (the Board) must go through each one and determine the amount to be given," Greene said. "After we go through each one, we check and see if we are still in budget ... it takes a huge toll on the SGA execs."



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Relay for Life involved in a relay of helping hands

By CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

As spring has arrived, many GCSU campus organizations and community members have been busy organizing this year's Relay For Life fundraisers.

Sigma Alpha Omega (SAO), the Christian sorority on campus, and Circle K, a small group of students that gather to complete volunteer work, are just a couple of the many groups getting involved. However, Milledgeville is not letting the students do all the work. It appears the community is just as eager to give back to its town.

According to the organization's Web site, Relay For Life supports the American Cancer Society by honoring cancer survivors, paying tribute to the lives lost to the disease and raising money to help fight it. Relay For Life is a year-round organization dedicated to the service of fighting cancer nationwide. More than 4,000 groups form across the country every year.

Beginning in January, many student groups committed to fundraising. Circle K, led by student Melanie Wooten, gathered some students to get involved. The group plans on meeting its fundraising goals by selling water bottles with the Relay For Life logo. The group is also preparing to hold a balloon toss at the Relay For Life walk to be held Friday through Saturday, April 11 and 12. Although not a RSO, Circle K is hoping to support Relay For Life with its efforts.

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"Relay For Life is important to me, because I had a close friend with a brain tumor. Thinking about how much new research could have helped her situation really affected me."

- Melanie Wooten,
GCSU freshman

brain tumor. Thinking about how much new research could have helped her situation really affected me," says Wooten.

Another student organization getting involved is SAO, which has already raised close to \$2,100. They have run bake sales, asked for donations and held a raffle. Many members are also planning on working the Relay For Life walk this weekend as well.

"Relay For Life is a fundamental way to give back to the community. Cancer is an ongoing battle that many people face everyday. Research can help change that," says Katelyn Hebert, SAO member planning on working the walk on April 11.

Community members and local businesses are also responsible for a significant amount of the funding donated to the American Cancer Society. Windstream Communications is just one business engaging in the race to end cancer. On Saturday, April 5, it prepared 100 plates of barbecue chicken to sell for Relay For Life.

"We sold all of our plates and had to get more chicken to fulfill people's needs.

Even with the rain, the community came out to support the cause," says Pam Bell, the team captain for Windstream Communications.

Many people in the community have either been directly affected with cancer or know someone who has.

"Relay For Life is important to me because my sister passed away with cancer three years ago," Bell said. "She died young, only 42 years old. The people I work with have all lost people in their lives as well. Since my sister's death, I want to do all I can to help."

In 2007 Baldwin County raised more than \$213,000 for Relay For Life. That total was more than \$10,000 over the 2006 revenue. The Baldwin County community has increased awareness of the organization over the years and in turn, more people have gotten involved in its mission. Baldwin County's goal this year is \$225,000. The Relay For Life teams in Baldwin County are on line at <http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/about>.

Jobs

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"(I) plan on staying in Milledgeville for the summer," Hague said.

If staying in Milledgeville during the summer does not seem like a good option, there is usually alternative employment available regardless of where you live. Babysitting, pet sitting or

putting other talents to work are all great ways to bring in some cash for the summer.

Freshman Katie Dunn will simply drive for cash.

"During the upcoming summer, I plan to chauffeur my brother and his friend, who are too young to drive, to all of their summer camp activities," said Dunn.

When it comes to talents, whether its painting, designing jewelry or even tutoring others, never for-

get that these hobbies could actually lead to money in the bank.

Regardless of how students decide to spend their summer, they should make sure that their choice allows them a chance to obtain personal goals. Taking a class, working or even using the summer to simply relax can all be rewarding.

Personal advancement is the key - not only to summer - but to life.

myCATS

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"One of the reasons that we had such low storage accounts was that there were unused and inactive email accounts for alumni who (hadn't) been here for a long time, and none of them were being pushed away," Ryan Greene, president of SGA, said.

The challenge came in deciding what to do with the inactive accounts, which were taking up needed server space.

The Information Technology and Marketing

Department is still waiting to hear from the Registrar as to whether or not to delete the nearly 3,000 inactive alumni accounts.

According to Greene, Steward recommends that accounts, both active and inactive, be terminated 365 days upon graduation. While this has not yet been voted on by SGA, the plan includes reminders being sent to accounts prior to termination, as a way to alert and remind people to seek other email services.

There are several reasons SGA feels that this recommendation is important.

"Student dollars were going toward updating and keeping up with the email account so alumni that aren't really paying their fees anymore shouldn't necessarily get the service of an email account," Greene said. "The second was probably the important one was that if it's taking up space, there's really no point in having an inactive account."

Steward stressed that "Just because we (terminate) an e-mail account doesn't mean your student records will disappear. The student systems will create a name for you."

Adams

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Parts of the lot, located beside Adams Hall and behind Mayfair Hall, will remain fenced off until the construction is complete, though parts of it will be reopened by Monday if the construction proceeds as planned.

The construction, which officially began on March

17, is slated to last for about nine months.

"The contractors have 286 days to finish without penalties, barring rain. Events of nature do not count," Brown said. "That's 286 working days, which does not include weekends."

The construction is still in the preliminary stages, mainly digging for the new facility. The old electrical switching station was

located outside of MSU, and needed to be moved to a different, larger location.

The completed building, underground, is projected to be about the size of an average one-car garage.

The parking lot will remain gravel, and there are no plans to pave the lot at this time. The lot will still be available for anyone who has an R-Level parking pass or higher.

Library

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fee will drop. This is not a permanent fee it is only temporary. I would guess in three to five years the fee would disappear once the library's resources have caught up."

The service committee's task was to draw a proposal to increase the library's funding so that GCSU could buy the available resources to support its student body.

As of right now, the library's collection of journals, books and media resources is substantially inadequate and does not support the school's academic programs.

Many departments within the university need certain journals to be accredited, and the chemistry department needs to upgrade its journal subscription in order to maintain its accreditation.

"The chemistry department requires a whole collection of journals known as the American Chemical Society," chemistry and physics department chair Ken McGill said. "It is a whole package of journals. Currently, we carry the minimal number to be accredited and are in danger of losing accreditation."

Supporting evidence of this notion comes from the fact that GCSU's library, compared with other universities in the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Council on Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) libraries, provides a small volume of library resources and borrows a disproportionate amount of resources from other libraries.

The average number of volumes (books and journals) held per Full-Time

Equivalent (FTE) student by USG state universities was 59.5, while the GCSU average was 42.9 per FTE student. The average for COPLAC libraries was 94.6 per student.

Moreover, GCSU students must rely significantly on interlibrary loans from other USG schools to meet their needs. Among USG universities, GCSU borrowed 5,750 items from other libraries. The second closest school in this category was Columbus State University with 4,857.

The revenue generated from the fee, if granted, would be used to improve the availability of journals, books, media and database resources.

With the creation of such fee, a committee would be made to oversee the appropriate spending. A student library fee advisory committee would be formed to make recommendations on the use of the revenue. The committee would consist of five librarians who have collection development liaison responsibilities between GCSU's four colleges and five students appointed by SGA to represent the concerns of the student body.

SGA has gone through many measures to gauge the students' approval of the proposition. The organization conducted both an electronic survey through myCATS and a manual survey.

The electronic survey reached an overwhelming dissenting response as 80 percent of the 1,000. Participants frowned upon the idea, but there was discrepancy involved in performing the survey. Voters were allowed to vote more than once, and several disapproving entries were recorded at the same time or seconds after one

another.

The manual survey received opposite results. SGA set up a station outside the library and polled students in person on two questions: does the library need more funding, and would you pay a fee to increase funding. Out of 150 students, 121 said yes to both questions.

If the budgetary restraints were removed, and after the library's approval, the next step for approval would lie in the hands of the SGA Senate.


"The main concern that will be debated amongst the senate will be if the fee is considered service or academics," Ryan Greene, SGA president, said. "If it is deemed a service, then it will come from student fees, but if it is seen as academics, then the money should not come from students."

If SGA approved the fee, the proposition would have to go through University Senate, the president (who has already tabled the proposition once), the mandatory fees committee and the Board of Regents before it is finalized. If the resolution is not passed then SGA would have to determine another way to find the money to eclipse the library's lack of resources.

With this long road ahead, Torcia believes this is a matter that deserves immediate attention.

"A university is an educational system, and the library should be the main service the university provides to make the institution successful," Torcia said. "In general there is a need to upgrade the library's resources. Students are in support of that, so it is important to solve this problem as soon as possible."


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Do your part on Earth Day

The worldwide Earth Day is upon us as it rapidly approaches. April 22, will mark the thirty-eighth time that Earth Day has been formally celebrated. As a collective mind, we the editorial staff of The Colonnade, believe this is a powerful time to evaluate and consider the state of the world in this crucial generation that is constantly inundated with concern for the "environmental crisis."

The Colonnade takes consideration of environmental impact by recycling whenever possible. Being a newspaper, naturally we use large amounts of paper each week, but we try our best to offset this by collecting unused newspapers left in the newsstands each week and dropping them off at the local recycling station.

Additionally, we encourage our readers to do the same and recycle each issue they accumulate for personal use.

The editorial staff is even considering placing a recycle reminder in the paper by printing the universal symbol for recycling on the corner of the front page, just to further stress the importance of taking action each and every opportunity.

The whole point of Earth Day, really, seems to be to stress the importance of taking action instead of settling with apathy when it comes to the very large, and sometimes overwhelming, issue of the environment. Perhaps the latter is easier—settling with apathy.

Perhaps it is ignorance rather than apathy, and many people just don't know where to start when it comes to reducing personal human impact. Or, maybe, it is that some people feel they are unable to make a difference with their current situation due to lack of money, time or resources.

Whatever the problem really is may never be known for sure, but one thing can be certain—everyone is responsible. Personal impact falls back onto the individual, and if everyone took little initiatives to lessen his or her impact in everyday life then that could truly make all the difference.

So, what can you do?

Next time you finish off a can of soda, take an extra five minutes to find an aluminum can recycle bin to dispose it in instead of tossing it to the landfill—its your responsibility, not the next guy's.

Next time you grocery shop, suggest that the bagger use paper bags, or that he or she simply stuff more items into each plastic bag rather than giving each item it's own personal plastic home. Better yet, take your own canvas or cloth bags to carry groceries home.

Place a bin specifically for recyclable items next to your trash can, then separate and drop 'em off at the recycle station every couple of weeks or so—it's a sacrifice of a mere 30 minutes spread out over several weeks.

ANYTHING you consciously do to lessen your personal environmental impact can help.

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Steroids should be legal in baseball



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

It is April. The birds are chirping, the sun is coming out, and summer will be here shortly. This is my favorite time of the year, because this is the time when old men wearing heavy black chest protectors remove their face masks and yell "Play Ball." Major League Baseball is now in full swing after an off-season that was marred by a steroid witch hunt on Capital Hill.

Very rarely do I get the chance to write a political editorial that involves my favorite sport, baseball, but with all the hysteria the last few years regarding steroid use by baseball players, I couldn't pass up this opportunity. As strange as it is, I actually believe there is a case to be made for allowing MLB players to use steroids.

To me baseball is more than America's favorite pastime. To me baseball is America. A season of baseball is representative of the American dream. The season begins and through hard work, perspiration and only a little bit of luck, a team can go from cellar dweller the year before to World Champion. Just as not all people are financially equal, not all teams are. In America, there are billionaires and there are lower class people. In Baseball there are the New York Yankees with well over \$200 million in payroll and there are the Tampa Bay Devil Rays with roughly a tenth of that salary. It doesn't seem like a fair match-up. And yet, just as money can't buy happiness it can't buy World Championships either.

Baseball is also the only mostly-Capitalist sport in America. What I mean by vaguely calling it "mostly capitalist" is that unlike the other three major American sports (basket-

ball, football, hockey) there is no salary cap. In baseball, if your team lives in a rich city you can sign all the expensive big-name players you want. Hence, the Yankees are stacked with huge salaries. America is similar to baseball in this way because we are partially capitalist with our approach that business is good, but we also are a mixed economy with welfare and business regulations. Baseball lets teams make and spend as much money as they darn well please, but every dollar that a baseball team spends on payroll above \$200 million they have to put a dollar in a fund that is spread around to the teams that make the least revenue. America calls this tax on people the graduated income tax; baseball calls this tax on teams a luxury tax.

Additionally, baseball and America are further tied in that they are both very rich in tradition. Fifty-seven times in history a baseball season has been opened by a sitting President throwing the first pitch. Baseball has even provided a morale boost in our nation's toughest hour. After the Sept. 11 attacks, it was baseball that helped rally our nation and regain our way of life. Baseball even helped bridge racial relations in our nation, first with Jackie Robinson and later by Hank Aaron.

In my opinion, baseball is America. Maybe the politicians in Washington feel the same way, because they are trying to pass legislation creating guidelines for the sport. But just because this great sport and our great nation are closely tied, doesn't mean politicians have the best solution. In my opinion, legal steroids should be legal in baseball. In other words, if the players are taking a steroid supplement that is legal in America then it should be legal for them to use it.

Many people would claim that players taking steroids to improve their performance is cheating. I respectfully disagree. Anything that a person does off the field to improve their ability to perform on the field should be praised not condemned. When I go to a baseball game, I want to see the best players going

head to head putting on the best performance humanly possible. Steroids is a symptom of modern day America's individualist strive for excellence.

Another argument against steroid use in baseball is that it hurts the body of the person who uses the steroid. This is exactly right, in fact there have been a number of players in the last few years who used steroids and ended up dying because of them. The best example of this is Ken Caminiti. Caminiti was an average third baseman in the National League in the 1990s, to improve his performance he used steroids and started playing better. In 1998, he won the NL Most Valuable Player Award after having a monster season. He was a pretty good player for a few more years and then as he entered his mid 30s, his performance suffered and he retired. A few short years after his retirement he died, largely because of his extensive use of steroids. This sounds like a great argument against steroids, but I see it as an argument for allowing them. Caminiti had a lifelong goal of winning an MVP award and being the best player he could. With his amazing season in '98 he powered his team to the World Series. Even though his life was cut short, perhaps it was more complete than it would have been otherwise.

The best possible reason I see for punishing steroid use in baseball would be the little kids that look up to these baseball stars. Sports icons should not be encouraging bad or dangerous behavior. On the other hand, many already are encouraging bad and dangerous behavior when they sleep around with dozens of random women. In the NFL there are football All-Stars that are being tried for murder, and Mike Vick is currently sitting in prison because he gets a kick out of seeing dogs fight. If you think steroids is the biggest problem in professional sports, then you haven't been keeping up with professional sports.

If for some reason, we decide to put all bigger sports problems aside to deal with steroids I still don't think the federal government is the proper

venue. I think the teams, themselves, should take a stance on the issue of steroids. Every team should decide where they stand on the issue, and almost all teams will probably agree that they are against steroids primarily for the health of players. Then teams that take this stance should sign an agreement saying that they will not trade with teams that break this policy. Since it would be difficult for the commissioner's office to enforce punishments for teams with players who use steroids (there are problems like: how did the team know that this player was using steroids?), it would be more easily enforced by the individual teams themselves. This would level the steroid playing field and would hold all teams accountable to all other teams.

As for Barry Bonds, I don't believe he should be excluded from the baseball Hall of Fame for using steroids. However, he should be excluded from the Hall of Fame for lying under oath. Unlike former President Clinton, I actually do think perjury is a big deal.

In writing this, I am not definitively stating that it is my opinion that steroids should be allowed in baseball. Honestly, I've gone back and forth on the issue. However, it is apparent that for almost every issue there is another side that should be examined. Even an issue as cut and dry as steroids (which some people consider a form of cheating, that can potentially kill the user) could actually have another point of view. While I might not have a personal opinion about what MLB should do about steroid use, I certainly believe it shouldn't be the congressional witch hunt, reminiscent of the McCarthy Hearings, that it has turned into. If something is to be done in baseball regarding steroids, it needs to be handled by the teams and MLB. If we get in this precedent of running every baseball decision through congress it won't be too long before our congressional representatives will be arguing the merits of the infield fly rule.

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Research needed, even in opinion



BY JERRY CALBOS
COLUMNIST

In the social sciences, including history, economics, political science, psychology, anthropology and sociology, there is research, as there is in the natural sciences. This concept is a bit-surprising to some students of natural history, physics, etc here at GCSU, however not to all.

In the social science fields, empirical evidence is used to support claims, thus the beginning of research. Why do we use empirical research? So we don't look like a bunch of

idiots, whether we're conservative, moderate or liberal. Opinions are formed from this research that could eventually change policy decisions in the future.

Though as columnists, we are not politicians. Most of us are just merely here to analyze whatever the topic d'jour is and hope that our readers gain some understanding and come up with their own ideas/opinions, whether they agree with us or not. (Some of my readers don't agree with me —what a concept!)

However, there are those who just don't seem to get it yet. They write full-page columns on their ideas, which may seem interesting at first, yet as you read on, they're full of hogwash.

They rant on and on and on with absolutely no connection of ideas and no basis of information to come from. For example, how is environmentalism a

religion? Really, come on honestly come up with empirical evidence for it.

Now, am I to say that I'm balanced and fair all the time? I'll be the last person here to say that I am, as well as the editors here at The Colonnade who know I enjoy sharing my opinions on the left.

However, when I analyze a policy, decision or new piece of information that just came out, you have to have some background knowledge at least. Wikipedia or Conservapedia might be a place to start with, but it's not the only source of information in the world. And at least have the brains to connect your ideas to something people on your side can connect with and make a rallying point for the whole of your column.

If you want to rant on and on in The Colonnade, that's your American right to free speech and free press here, I won't dispute

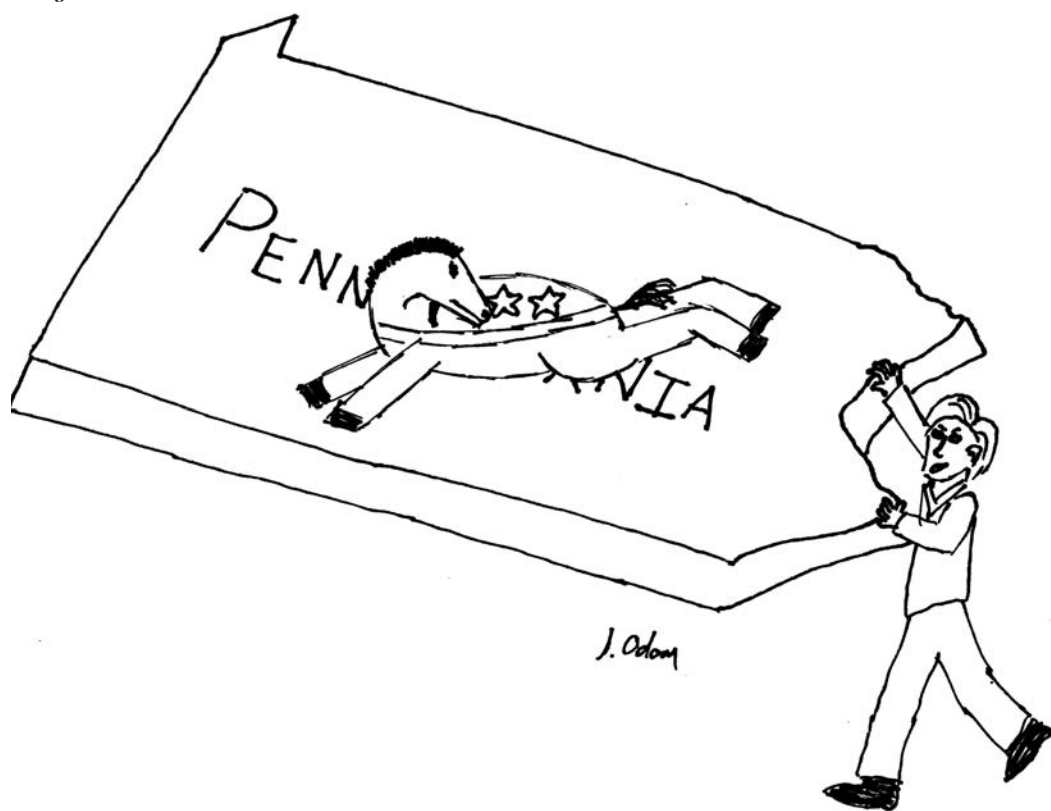
your right to speaking on whatever topic of choice you have. That's not my point. My point is that you should actually, please, have some source of information to go from. And don't make up facts on the spot; you gain no respect from making facts up.

If you rant on and on until half the campus finally only reads one sentence or paragraph of your column before they get sick and read something else, you might want to change some things about your column. And if you can't do that, give us all a break and please do us all a favor, just shut the hell up and crawl back into the hole of from whence you crawled out. Or would you rather prefer some cheese and a cracker with your whine?

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abstinence not only solution

Dear Editor,

I'd like to start by clarifying that there is no prostitution here on the GCSU campus. Ms. Liu seems to be confused about the word illicit (adj.): not legally permitted or authorized; unlicensed; unlawful. While prostitution is a dangerous business for both parties, I doubt this is what our Health Services had in mind when introducing emergency contraceptives to our campus.

I'd also like to call attention to the term "birth control," as in "a means of preventing conception." In no way has any pill, shot, sponge, IUD, patch or ring claimed to prevent the spread of STDs. However they effectively prevent PREGNANCY when used correctly. Condoms (both male and female) and dental dams DO in fact prevent STDs, and have nothing to do whatsoever with emergency contraception. How sad is it that there are students on this campus who are still ignorant about the proper uses of birth and STD control! I will be the first to advocate abstinence if an individual is confused or unsure about protecting oneself sexually – but the only way to EVER be ready to enter into a sexual relationship (whether it is in our out of wedlock) is to have the facts.

Speaking of facts, Ms. Liu seems convinced that birth control pills are synonymous with pain, suffering and death. While birth control methods affect each woman differently, "The most common side effects

associated with emergency contraceptive use are nausea (in 30 to 50 percent of women taking it) and vomiting (in 15 to 25 percent)" (<http://advocatesforyouth.org>). There is no death, no cancer. Granted, there may be a few extreme cases, death has never been a common side effect of emergency contraceptives. There are many types of birth control for many types of women. It is your responsibility – no, it is your RIGHT – to speak with your doctor about which method is right for you.

I also noticed that Ms. Liu's "abstinence-only" advocacy was geared only towards women. Where, then, does that leave sexually active males? Matrimony is not some purification method which magically cleanses the mouth, blood and genitals of men. STDs on the whole are on the rise in both men AND women, therefore only one conclusion can be drawn about the likelihood of abstinence ever being a universally practiced method of sexual protection. So what would any of us gain by catering to that method by eliminating other means of birth and STD control?

Ms. Liu also skipped over what I consider a HUGE issue with regard to emergency contraception – rape. Am I to infer that a woman (who may or may not abstain from sex – there are no statistics saying rapists tend to attack a woman with a certain set of beliefs over another) who is impregnated through an act

of rape is expected to HAVE the child, even though there is a perfectly easy and minimally-invasive way to avoid it? Emergency contraceptives are effective if used within 72 hours of sexual contact. Would she have her sister, mother, aunt, cousin or friend refuse this method of birth control as a testament to the flawed statistics she broadcasts so steadfastly?

And as for oxytocin – if she is willing to put more faith in the chemical reactions of the female body to sex over the intelligence and free will of an adult woman's mind, then she should have NO ISSUE with introducing other chemicals into the body to counter what we women obviously cannot control. Women are not helpless slaves to sexualized romance. We have the WILL and FREEDOM, after generations of tireless fighting, to be able to have sex when, where, how and with whomever we please. Any safe method of birth and STD control that is available to the public which is conducive to this idea and lifestyle should be protected and advocated at all costs.

If someone is trying to argue that birth control is about Women's Rights, I say, 'HELL YES IT IS!' It is my CHOICE to have sex, abstain, control my uterus, vagina, body, mind, choices and beliefs totally and completely until the day I die.

Kim O'Toole,
president of
the Feminist Club

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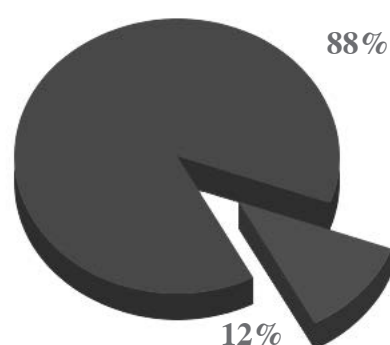
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Do you find it hard to return to school after a long break?

Yes 88%
No 12%



Next week's question:

Do you recycle on campus?

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It's getting hot outside. What would you do for a Klondike bar?



"Go streaking through the quads."

Michael Calzone, freshman, undecided



"I would purposely fail all my exams."

Alison Campbell, junior, psychology



"Shave every hair on my body."

Matt Cannon, freshman, economics



"I'd pay about 56 cents."

Jared Katil, freshman, marketing



"Hop up and down on one foot."

Andrew Deneed,
sophomore, creative writing

Reported by Bobby Gentry

The Litter Box

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To Dorothy Leland: I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE STUPID SURVEY! STOP SENDING ME INVITATIONS TO TAKE IT!

In the monotonous life we live, does the curious adventures we seek, help create what we call life? Is there a subtle institution of peace, where we call home? Is this place a school? A house? A group of friends? ... Or do we seek peace in the things we don't understand in the hopes we will find something about ourselves we don't know ... or is it the things we know... that make us stable? Stop thinking, and start feeling. But you can't listen to anyone. You just have to be.

I am so sick of this school! For those of you that have it easy, get to live for free, make good grades when you don't study, and don't have a dream: just go away. Vaporize. I can't afford to go to school; I study my butt off, and I still make horrible grades. And for those of you that get to live for free, maybe you should take that money you saved and give it to people that need it instead of bragging about where you get to live and blowing that money on alcohol and drugs. Put it to better uses than the destruction of your mind.

I am so sick and tired of these pregnancy test commercials ... Just go to the doctor if you're so concerned ... Duh.

So SGA gets us Ruckus ... that's pretty cool, free music? What's not to love when I get free tunes? My excitement over these no-cost enjoyment wore off quickly after realizing that transferring these songs to my iPod was impossible. I understand burning CDs and what not but onto a iPod? And in my quest to get it on there I tried other media players and I discovered the exact usage rights "This file can be played until 5/8/2008. Collaborative play for this file is not allowed. This file cannot be burned. This file may corrupt your computer. This file cannot be synchronized. The media usage for this file can be backed up." Okay so I made up "This file may corrupt your computer." But, for those of you who have downloaded tons of free music already for listening enjoyment through your computer please note that all files will be useless after May 8. Thanks SGA for one month of use! Even with the fact that we can only listen via laptop its only good for a month. My mixed emotions over this Ruckus has led me to this vent for all to enjoy.

The feeling you get when you and a friend settle a big fight is the most uplifting thing on the planet: who needs drugs?

Thank you RSA for getting noggin off my TV and changed to Animal Planet!

Dear Colonnade ... We're no strangers to love. You know the rules, and so do I ... A full commitment's what I'm thinking of. You wouldn't get this from any other guy.

Everything's better with bagpipes.

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, April 11 - Thursday, April 17, 2008

Friday, April 11

- 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 11th Annual GCSU Student Research Conference - First Floor, Atkinson Hall
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Georgia Green - GCSU Museum
- 6 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. #2 Columbus State - Kurtz Field, West Campus
- 7 p.m. "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" - Magnolia Ballroom
- 8 p.m. Capstone project: "A Piece of my Heart" by Shirley Lauro - Russell Auditorium

Saturday, April 12

- 1 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. #2 Columbus State Kurtz Field - West Campus
- 2 p.m. Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Augusta State - Kurtz Field - West Campus
- 6 p.m. Athletics Auction- Centennial Center
- 7 p.m. "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" - Magnolia Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. American Choral Sampler- First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 13

- 7:30 p.m. GCSU String Ensemble Spring Concert, Directed by Daniel Kaplunas - Magnolia Ballroom

Monday, April 14

- 12:30 p.m. Nursing Application Forum - Sodexho Banquet room

Tuesday, April 15

- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Retirement Reception for Dr. Stan Aldridge - University Banquet Room
- 6 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. Newberry - Kurtz Field - West Campus
- 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Swing'n Through the 60s Swing Dance - Magnolia Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. GCSU Small Ensembles Spring Concert - Max Noah Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 16

- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. "Each One, Reach One" - Flag Pole on Front Campus
- 12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Women On Wednesday - Women's Resource Center
- 1 - 4 p.m. Hospice Foundation of America Annual Teleconference - Library Education Room
- 2 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday: Resume & Cover Letters- 232 Lanier Hall
- 3 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. West Georgia - Kurtz Field - West Campus
- 7 p.m. The 2008 Peacock's Feet Art & Literary Magazine Reception - Museum Education Room

Thursday, April 17

- 3:15 p.m. Thursday @ the Movies - Women's Resource Center
- 7 p.m. The 2008 Peacock's Feet Art & Literary Magazine Reception - Museum Education Room

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Swingin' into spring

The GCSU Swing Association will be hosting a free night of dancing on Tuesday, April 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Instructors will be present to help anyone who wants to learn the basics of swing dancing. There will be an open dance floor set up. Instructors will even be teaching flips and aerials to those interested. Partners are not mandatory. Refreshments will be available. To practice beforehand, the Swing Association will have its weekly swing dancing meeting at the Elite Gymnasium on Friday at 6:30. The cost is five dollars at the door. For more information visit www.GCSUswing.com.

'Each One, Reach One' Memorial

The one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting is quickly approaching. In recognition of this dire day, and in memory of all the other 2007-2008 U.S. campus shootings, GCSU will be holding the "Each One, Reach One" memorial program. The memorial will be at the flag pole on Front Campus on Wednesday, April 16

from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The program will include the reading of the victims from Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois University Brief inspirational reading, and a moment of silence. The torch will be lit in remembrance. Two GCSU students will be speaking on the loss of two of their friends who were victims in the shooting. Candles will be placed around campus on the day of the ceremony, bearing the colors of each school that has had a shooting in the past year. For more information call the Counseling Services at 478-445- 5331.

Calling all future nurses and doctors

Planning on applying to the Spring 2009 Nursing Cohort? Monday, April 14, at 12:30 p.m., the Nursing Application Forum will allow interested students to ask questions. Bring your lunch to the banquet rooms behind the cafeteria. Call Erin Weston at 478-445-2634 for more information.

'The 24 Hour Plays' Marathon is back

"The 24 Hour Plays" marathon is returning to

campus on Friday, April 18, at 8 p.m., in the Max Noah Recital Hall. Admission is \$4 for GCSU students, \$8 for faculty and \$12 for general admission. "The 24 Hour Plays" is an insane weekend of tremendous creativity as writers, directors, actors and designers gather at the theater to perform plays just learned that day. "The 24 Hour Plays" will be in its fourth year at GCSU. For serious entertainment come out for "The 24 Hour Plays" on April 18, they will continue until April 19. For more information call the Department of Music and Theatre at 478-445-4226.

The HFA studies grieving youth

Wednesday, April 16, the Hospice Foundation of America Annual Teleconference will be at GCSU in the Library Education room from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. HFA's fifteenth Annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents," will be broadcast. The teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents. It will discuss how to handle these situations. For more information on this event contact Dr. Sherree Barron at 478-445- 0864.

THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Mysterious damage and dust

On April 3, at approximately 1:56 a.m., Officer Hicks was dispatched to a fire alarm at a residence hall. Upon arrival, Officer Hicks found strong traces of dust in the second floor hallway. Further investigations found a fire extinguisher had been discharged in the elevator. The Fire Department responded and used fans to clear the air. Custodial was called to clean up the area.

Falling out with his roommate

On April 3, at approximately 4:54 p.m., a student reported having a verbal argument with his roommate. He stated that his roommate threatened him and another Community Assistant. Contact was made with both parties. They were told by Officer Smith to stay away from each other and not have any contact until they could have a hearing with Housing on Monday.

An unexplained disappearance

On April 6, at approximately 6:41 p.m., a student reported that she has not seen her friend in 3 days. She advised that her friend was struggling with "Issues" and thought it was strange that she had not heard from her. Officer Baker attempted to locate the friend at her apartment, but no one answered the door and it was locked. An attempt was then made to locate the landlord in order to enter the apartment, but he was out of the state. The friend's mother was called, and she stated that she had not heard from her either but felt like her daughter just wanted to be alone. An attempt to locate her boyfriend was unsuccessful and his neighbor stated he had not seen him in 4 or 5 days. The case has been turned over to detective Butler for further investigation.

Simon says, "stop walking"

On April 5, at approximately 12:47 a.m., Sgt. Reonas observed a male urinating on the side of a local bank. As he exited his vehicle, Sgt. Reonas told the male to stay where he was. The male looked at him, and then proceeded to turn and walk away. Sgt. Reonas called to the male to stop and he began walking away faster towards the middle of the street. Sgt. Reonas ran after the male before he made it to the street and took him to the ground to keep him from walking away. Contact was made with the male. When tested on the Alco-Sensor he registered at .300. The male was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Public Drunk and Disorderly Conduct.

Be careful with your money

On April 6, at approximately 8:05 p.m., a female reported that between September 2007 and December 2007, she filled out a credit card application along with a check for \$37 to a credit card company. The check cleared the bank within a few days, but she still has not received the credit card. She stated she went to a web site and found that she had been a victim of a scam. She advised that she closed out her checking account. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Marijuana traces left behind

On April 8, at approximately 9:55 p.m., Officer Hicks was dispatched to The Village at West Campus, in reference to possible marijuana being smoked in an apartment. When Officer Hicks arrived, he could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the room. Contact was made with the residents, who advised that a male smoked the marijuana and that he was at his girlfriend's room. Contact was made with the male, who gave permission for his room to be searched. Several smoking devices and some marijuana seeds were found in the room. All was confiscated and taken to Public Safety. The case has been turned over to housing.

Information compiled by Jamie Fleming

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WHERE DO YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY DOLLARS ACTUALLY GO?

The Student Activity Board Committee (SABC) has begun meeting to listen to proposals for student funding for fiscal year 2009. This committee meets for a few weeks and delegates the student activity dollars to numerous groups on campus. It is easy for the SABC members to know which groups are funded by student dollars each year, yet the less informed students might ask, "Where exactly are my student activity dollars being spent?"

Each semester, GCSU students pay \$69 towards their student activity fee. These dollars are put in a large pot and dispersed by the SABC board to different RSOs and student groups on campus. Any RSO on campus has the ability to ask for student activity fees; however, out of the hundreds of RSO's on campus, only 20 to 30 groups, on average, ask for funding around this time each year.

Many students are not aware of how groups receive funding. For example: How does The Colonnade produce a student paper every week? How does the GIVE Center afford to lead the great service projects and community service that is does? How does CAB provide entertaining movies, poker

tournaments and inflatables to the student body for free? How is it that as a student, I can attend any aerobics program on campus for free, where non-students must pay a monthly charge? The answer to all of these questions is the student activity dollars that students pay every semester.

Last year, the SABC board decided to fund other programs or RSOs on campus, such as Gay-Straight Alliance, International Club, the daily New York Times newspapers, the Peacock's Feet's annual journal, WGUR's radio programs and the Sweetwater Festival's music main stage. This year, SABC has an additional eight requests from last year, and they have just as much money to allocate as in previous years. In fact, last year SABC was unable to fund almost \$40,000 in requests from RSO's and groups. Allocating funds to certain RSOs is also taking away money from other requests. It is a very difficult and tedious process, yet it is lead by students on campus, and the SABC board tries to represent the student's interests in the best way possible.

This current year, SABC/SGA funded multiple programs, such as the

Santa's Miracle Fund Boxing Tournament, multiple parts of Homecoming, most of GCSU Idol, additional funds to the GCSU Band program and the GCSU Mascot. Throughout the year, SABC tries to listen to the student wants and need as best as possible, while funding programs that have a keen student interest, as well as a direct relationship to the purpose of the student activity dollar.

With the current discussion regarding Sweetwater Festival, it is easy to understand how complicated the delegation process of student activity dollars might be. Many groups and events request funding through student dollars, and most events will not receive complete funding; some events might not receive any funding at all. There are only so many funds to allocate, and the demand for money on the GCSU campus is well above the supply. Keeping this in mind, the SGA/SABC student board will continue to take student thoughts and concerns in mind, while voting on the allocation of over \$400,000 this year.

For thoughts, concerns or suggestions on the SABC process or funding, please feel free to email Ryan Greene at sga.president@gcsu.edu.

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New wing king, Amici reigns supreme



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Amici Italian Cafe of Milledgeville's XX Wings outstaged last year's War of the Wings winner, Pickle Barrel, for this year's event hosted by Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Pickle Barrel came in second place.

KATHERINE BARRON
STAFF REPORTER

The aroma of wing sauce and the sound of familiar guitar hero songs filled the air on GCSU's Front Campus between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday. Despite the chill in the air, the "War of the Wings" fundraiser, hosted by the Kappa Upsilon chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, was a huge success.

The mission of the fundraiser was to raise money for the sorority's philanthropy: Breast Cancer Awareness and Education.

Five dollar tickets were sold to students and Milledgeville locals who wanted to sample wings from different local restaurants and take part in a voting that would determine the town's best wings. Along with a Coca-Cola vender, seven wing vendors were placed in a semi-circle. They included Amici Italian Cafe, Applebee's, Buffington's, Chili's, Pickle Barrel, Velvet Elvis and Zaxby's. Participants received a punch card and ticket to vote for their favorite wing.

Emily Beatty, Zeta co-chair fundraising coordinator and freshman marketing major, was in charge of the event.

"We have a different voting system this year," said Beatty.

"Instead of choosing any ten wings from any vender, you have to take one wing per vender. This allows for a fairer voting."

Zeta Tau Alpha's fundraising goal was already met before the "War of the Wings" contest. A campaign raised \$3,000 by



sending letters to friends and families of the sorority.

Senior mass communication major Lauren Edwards was at the fundraiser representing student radio station WGUR 88.9, which provided merchandise such as bottle openers, cups and music for the event.

"This wing contest was a huge success last year, and I couldn't wait to sample the wings again this year," said Edwards. "This is a lot of food. You basically get the same amount in a restaurant for the same price of a ticket here."

Tables were color-coordinated and matching toothpicks were placed in the wings, so when participants sat down to enjoy their meal, they could easily match the wing they liked best to the vender that provided it.

Some vendors provided more than just regular wings. Teriyaki, barbeque and honey hot were some of the other flavors offered.

"We only had one flavor last year," said Sara Bradford, assistant manager at Applebee's. "This year we have three, and it is going over really well. The participants are huge fans of the Teriyaki."

The wings eventually ran out, and the vendors were constantly gathering more to toss in their special and unique wing sauce.

Amici won the contest with votes in the high 60s. Pickle Barrel, the 2007 "War of the Wings" champion, came in second.

As for my personal favorite? Give me XX wings and extra blue cheese from Amici, and I am one happy camper.



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
K-Macks Endeavor guitarist Max Shultz rocks out as he and bandmates win Battle of the Bands 2008. They will be featured in next month's Villagefest which will also feature audience favorite Orange Free State.

Bands battle for limelight

AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

Last Thursday, April 3, the Resident Student Association (RSA) and the Phi Mu Alpha sinfonia hosted the annual Battle of the Bands. The "battle" took place in Magnolia Ballroom at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 and could be purchased in advance.

The Vice President of RSA, freshman Jamie Knox, explains that six bands auditioned to play, though only five were chosen for the competition. The five bands fought for an opportunity to win two different awards: the judge's vote and the audience's vote. The winning bands

received \$250 and \$100 respectively. The audience had opportunities for prizes, too. A raffle was held for CDs and a Sony Ericsson cell phone.

During the event, the audience was entertained by junior Justin Miles and freshman Molly McMillan. Miles and McMillan kept the crowd excited by giving away t-shirts and flying discs. The audience was also provided free Rockstar energy drinks.

The night began with a performance by the guitar duo The Jimmy Caps. The guitarists wore neon orange hats and performed songs by famous artists such as 311 and

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'A' very 'Smart' movie

"Think 'Little Miss Sunshine' and 'Juno' thrown into a blender!" A-

CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

Oh Ellen Page, we just can't see her face enough now that she has given us a whole new vision of pregnant teenagers who strive on confronting abortion and learning a few interesting facts about purple condoms.

Director Noam Murro may have found better success with his award winning commercials in the past, but with novelist Mark Poirier penning a catchy screenplay and creating a mix of unlikely characters, the new independent drama "Smart People" really comes off as a satisfying debut for Murro's feature film career and a good mark for any of its cast members' to look back on.

I once said that "Juno" was the "Little Miss Sunshine" of 2007 (I still think so), but I think I can say, with even more confidence, that "Smart People" is a "Little Miss Juno" milkshake that comes off about as dysfunctional as the Hoover family and about as sweet as the personality of a pregnant Ellen Page.

Dennis Quaid plays an English professor who is emotionally crippled over the death of his wife. After suffering a concussion in a freak

accident, he must learn to reconnect to the people around him, but most importantly, he must come to terms with himself so that he can once again be the man he once was for his students. His recovery, however, won't be an easy one as he confronts a wide range of people in what may very well be the toughest journey of his life.

Even with the recent success of Ellen Page to better the marketing, "Smart People" still has a lot of potential built in its entire cast, and every single character is unquestionably brought out to the fullest. Certain members of the cast may have found better standards by having "Sex in the City," but it's good to see a bunch of big star faces that complement each other more so than competing with one another for the main spotlight. To call this dialogue laden drama an emotional "journey," however, would be a serious misconception due to the fact that nobody really makes any progress by the concluding act, but at least they were enjoyable for a full hour and a half.

The most interesting thing

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about "Smart People" is how it plots itself on a central character but exists primarily because of its supporting cast. Like the Hoover family of "Little Miss Sunshine," every single character has a unique quality that defines them; whether its his laid back adoptive brother (Thomas Haden Church), a rebellious son (Ashton

Holmes), his goody two shoes daughter (Ellen Page), or even a former student who still holds a grudge against him over a bad grade (Sarah Jessica Parker), Dennis Quaid has plenty more than a headache to deal with here. His name may be the first one on the credits, but he is truly not the main character of the film and certainly not the first one audiences will want to identify with when it's over.



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Milledgeville native and nationally acclaimed poet, Sean Hill, read a mix of drama and humor from his book, "Blood Ties & Brown Liquor" in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium on Friday, April 4.

Battle of the Bands

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Everclear. The Jimmy Caps were eventually disqualified from the audience vote due to discrepancies in performance guidelines.

Louis Cypher was the second band to perform. The group consisted of a four-man band without a vocalist. They wrote all of their own songs and claimed to be "looking for a singer."

K-Macks Endeavor, a band based out of Northeast Georgia performed third. The three glasses-wearing musicians claimed to be a rock and roll band with much influence from "punk rock, ska, reggae, country and more."

The fourth band in the battle was The Keys. The two freshmen from Atlanta played piano and guitar and performed a mix of both original songs and a cover of James Blunt's "1973."

The last band in the competition was Orange Free State. It held the audience's attention with a cover of The Beatles' "Come Together" and two original songs. Orange Free State consists of three GCSU students and a freshman from Georgia Military College High School. Orange Free State won the audience's vote due to its talent and interaction with the audience. During their performance, it was clear that they were the crowd's favorite.

The three judges of the battle, Dr. Stephanie McClure, Douglas O'Grady and Belle Jones, were chosen by David McLaughlin of Phi Mu Alpha, the male music fraternity. After much discussion and analyzing, the judges chose K-Macks as the winners of this year's battle of the bands.

Both Orange Free State and K-Macks were given the opportunity to perform at next month's VillageFest at The Village at West Campus. Junior Max Shultz, classical guitar performance major and member of K-Macks, said that the band would be unable to perform because the other two members of the band do not go to GCSU and would have difficulty making it to the show.

Orange Free State will be performing, though and will be playing "all of the songs we can write in three weeks with a few surprise covers," says sophomore guitarist Sean Thrower.

Both bands plan on using the prize money to better the bands. K-Macks plans to use their prize money to pay off parking tickets and invest in a savings account for the band. Orange Free State will use their \$100 to buy new equipment for the band.

While the judges deliberated, The Taxi, a band from Atlanta, entertained the crowd. One of the songs The Taxi performed, "I Won't Be Too Far," is available on iTunes.

The night ended with an encore of winning band K-Macks playing their new song "Do Engage."



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Orange Free State rocks out a Beatles cover and two original songs.

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Golf season closes

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU golf team has wrapped up regular season play with two tournaments scheduled around spring break.

The Bobcats' final round was on April 8 in the Emerald Coast Collegiate Tournament in Pensacola, Fla., where they had a much better showing than in their previous tournament, the Bobcat Invitational, played at the Club at Cuscowilla in Eatonton, Ga., on Mar. 24-25.

The Bobcats finished ninth of 17 teams in the Bobcat Invitational, their home tournament, which was a discouraging result for golfers and coach alike.

"It felt like maybe we started spring break early," head coach Jimmy Wilson said. "Obviously I was disappointed in the way we played."

Freshman Joe Young elaborated on his coach's sentiments.

"We all struggled, and couldn't get anything going," Young said. "We may have put unnecessary pressure on ourselves because it was our home tournament."

Because Cuscowilla is the Bobcats' home course, the players are familiar with the layout and should have had a slight advantage over the competition, but irregularities in the course due to weather affected the golfers' approach.

"The conditions were really tough," senior Juan Biale said. "We are used to shooting well there, and seeing lower scores."

Sophomore Francisco Bidé led the way for the Bobcats, carding rounds of 77, 71, and 73 for a 221

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Siquiera wins big match, Bobcats fall to Valdosta

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Wins at first singles were the only bright spots for the GCSU tennis squads Tuesday, as both teams fell to highly ranked Valdosta State University squads at home.

Redshirt junior Erick Siqueira, individually ranked No. 3 in Division II, grabbed the No. 17 men's lone win in the highlight match of the competition by beating No. 4 Florian Halb.

"It was a good match," Siqueira said. "(Halb), I think, didn't put in as much effort as he could have."

Siqueira easily handled Halb, beating him 6-2 in the first set and putting the match away 6-4 in the second.

"I think he could play a lot better than he did," Siqueira said.

Siqueira grabbed the momentum early with a combination of speed and agility; he also showed that he had the more consistent serve.

Halb struggled to get his first serves in throughout the match.

"Erick played well," head tennis coach Steve

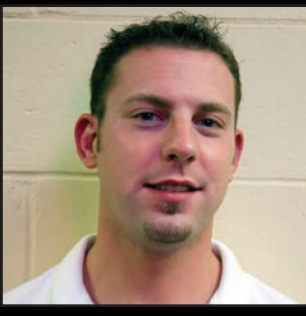


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Redshirt junior Erick Siqueira is currently ranked No. 3 in Division II in singles. So far, he has posted a 15-1 record on the season.

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Foreign flavor in GCSU sports

On Tuesday I spent the afternoon at the Centennial Center Tennis Complex watching our teams battle Valdosta State, and while the Bobcats dropped both matches, I noticed something that sparked my interest: all the different languages that were being spoken by players in the complex.

That afternoon players originally hailing from Brazil, France, Ecuador, Sweden, Australia, Belarus, Germany, Britain, Belgium and the Czech Republic competed.

This got me thinking - on a campus where nearly every student is from the state of Georgia, how many international student-athletes are on our teams?

The answer is 19 for the 2007-2008 school year, most of which compete on either the golf or tennis teams. However, the men's cross country team has three foreign players one each from Canada, Belize and Germany.

This seems really cool to me. I have talked to some of our coaches in the past about what a great opportunity it is for these foreign players to come and get a strong education, an opportunity they may not have had in their home countries.

After Tuesday's match, I talked with redshirt junior Erick Siqueira for a little while about what it is like being an athlete from a foreign country at GCSU.

Erick, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, said he has really enjoyed his time at GCSU.

In fact, he said he plans to stay in Georgia after graduating in May of 2009.

I asked him if it was hard being so far away from his family, and he simply said that it really wasn't - that he adjusted to it pretty quickly.

Erick said that for South Americans, in general, it is unusual for them to leave their families for college, but he was up for the challenge.

Very few, if any, of GCSU's foreign student-athletes will play professional sports, but everyone of them that I have talked to used their abilities to acquire an education.

I take my hat off to each and everyone of them, and want to say thank you to them for their contributions to our athletic department and our campus community.

Getting dirty down the stretch



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior centerfielder Sherquita Bostick slides safely into third last Sunday against the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The Lady Bobcats dropped both games against Pembroke, but won two at Columbus State Wednesday.

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These 'Cats love the water Club competitive with large schools

BY ALANA LLEWELLYN
STAFF WRITER

GCSU's Swim Cats, the university's swim club team, is a growing team with promising talent.

For those who are not sure what the difference is between a club team and a normal team there isn't much to be said. Just like a typical university team such as basketball or baseball, the Swim Cats swim club is also supported by the school, as well as the student body.

The Swim Cats treasurer

er Rachel Zudekoff explained it.

"Swim Cats is a club sport that allows anyone who wants to get in shape and compete against other college club teams to join," Zudekoff said. "I feel we are different because we travel across the southeast and develop strong bonds with everyone on the team."

The Swim Cats, who were founded by Tammi Sheppard in 2004, have a 25 member team with 15 members who regularly practice and compete. This

25 member team swims all year from August to May, including swimming outdoors from August to October.

The executive staff is made up of five Swim Cats members. The current president is Blaire Bachman, the vice president is Mimo Scholz, the treasurer is Zudekoff, Breanna Cleary is the secretary, and Charlotte Petonic deals with any public relations details of

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The Swim Cats have competed against large schools such as the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Indiana University and the University of Florida this year.

THE SHORT STOP



Upcoming Sports

Baseball:

Friday	6 p.m.	Columbus State
Saturday	1 p.m.	Columbus State
Tuesday	6 p.m.	Newberry
Wednesday	3 p.m.	West Georgia

Softball:

Saturday	2 p.m.	Augusta State
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Tennis:

Sunday	12 p.m.	USC Aiken
Monday	2 p.m.	Augusta St.

Stat of the Week

10-0

The record of the GCSU baseball team when scoring ten or more runs. The Bobcats have a 24-18 overall record and are currently 9-9 in the Peach Belt Conference

The truth about scholarships

BY TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

How many students remember being pushed into sports and dragged to practice by their parents in the hopes of receiving that full ride to their first college pick?

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, these aspirations are nearly impossible to achieve. Scholarships are not as high as parents and athletes had hoped, and with added GPA requirements, this can cause much pressure for those continuing into college sports.

Tom Carty, head baseball coach at GCSU, agrees with these findings.

"Many of our student athletes do not walk around campus on big scholarships or 'full rides' as many people think," Carty said. "This is not big time college sports, and many of our student athletes receive little aid from the athletic department."

According to the NCAA, the average sports scholarship, excluding football and basketball, is \$8,707. Including football and basketball, the average is \$10,409. For sports like baseball, the average is \$2,000.

Not only are students struggling with the low amounts of scholarships, they also have to fight to win them. For example, GCSU only awards five to eight baseball scholarships, Carty said.

According to a press release sent out by the athletics department, "The Outstanding Student Scholars must have two of the following three criteria: a minimum 1,140 SAT, a 3.5 high school GPA, or be in the top 20 percent of their high school class. In addition, they must maintain a 3.0 GPA at Georgia College. There are currently 59 student-athletes receiving these scholarships."

GCSU athletics are actually going beyond these requirements.

"Georgia College's teams had a combined GPA of over 3.0 for an unprecedented third straight semester in the fall of 2007," the press release said.

In an effort to expand the GCSU sports scholarship fund, the athletic department is improving their fundraising, Carty said.

One fundraiser that has worked well for the department is the annual athletic auction, complete with live and silent bidding. They also have a

reverse raffle where people could win \$10,000.

The event this year is April 12 at 6 p.m. in the centennial center. The theme is "Yo Ho! Yo Ho! an Auction Life for Me." Tickets are \$100, which will admit two and automatically enter you to win the \$10,000. Corporate tables are \$500 and seat eight people.

For ticket information, please contact Patti Weimer in the athletic office at 478-445-6341.

Max scholarships for GCSU sports

Men

Baseball	9
Basketball	10
Golf	3.6
Tennis	4.5
Cross Country	12.6

Women

Softball	7.2
Soccer	9.9
Basketball	10
Tennis	6
Cross Country	12.6

*Statistics from NCAA.org. These numbers represent maximum scholarships per sport allowed by the NCAA.

Tennis

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Barsby said. "I think the guy he played is good. I don't know how good he played today, but Erick was Erick today. He was solid, and if he plays that way - if the guy let's down a bit - when he plays (Erick), he's going to beat him. He's that solid."

The win improves Siqueira to 15-1 on the season, while Halb drops to 8-5.

Senior Celine Martin grabbed a come-from-behind win at first singles for the No. 15 GCSU women's squad.

After falling 6-1 in the first set to the No. 4 Blazer's No. 24 Dominique Roethlaender, Martin rallied to win the second set 7-5 and take the match with a 6-4 win in the third.

"It was unexpected (to win the match)," Martin said. "In the beginning (Roethlaender) was playing well and I made a few mistakes, just thinking about doubles. But I saw that in their second sets everybody was coming back, and I was the only one down still, so I decided I could do it, and came back and just tried to give myself a chance."

Those would be the only GCSU victories of the day.

Junior Francis Yoshimoto, ranked No. 22, dropped his match to No. 10 Joerg Ekkenga for only his second loss of the sea-

son, while sophomore Max Beliankou dropped his third match of the year to No. 14 Leos Jelinek.

Bobcat junior Marjorie Ceppo and sophomore Dianne Danna each dropped their matches in straight sets to ranked Blazers.

No. 16 Raphaelle Durante beat Ceppo 6-3, 6-4 for the win at second singles, while Danna fell 6-2, 6-4 to No. 21 Natali Gumbecht.

The Blazers swept both GCSU teams in doubles.

No. 2 Valdosta's first doubles team of Ekkenga and Jelinek topped Siqueira and Yoshimoto 8-6, while Halb teamed up with Richard Malobicky to defeat senior Matthew Belenchia and sophomore Jaoa Casagrande 8-5.

"I feel like (the doubles match) was close," Siqueira said. "We had a couple of chances. In the doubles match everyone is good and you have to take your chances. I just got frustrated because I felt like we had the chance, but we ended up losing. We still played well and I think we can see some positives and a few things we can keep working on."

Valdosta's women dominated the Bobcats.

Ceppo and Martin fell at first doubles to the team of Roethlaender and Tina Trautmann, while Durante and Karine Redon beat Danna and teammate senior Sofia Intriago in a close match that ended 8-6.

Despite the loss Barsby remains confident in his

teams.

"Valdosta is a real good team," Barsby said. "Like I said to the girls before (the match), they're not in our region, this game means nothing as far as regional rankings, it means nothing as far as the Peach Belt (Conference). I told them to compete, and we did. You know, we played well; we had a bunch of close matches. The goal is to get ready for the Peach belt. It served its purpose."

Barsby is more concerned about the men's team than the women's.

"We're not there yet with the guys," he said. "That's two matches in a row where I just don't think we've played well."

Each team has two PBC matches left in the season.

"The girls (are) about where I thought they should be," Barsby said. "They're playing well, and they're deep. The bad thing is, is the Peach Belt has gotten unbelievable in women's tennis. The guys have surprised me a little bit because we have done a lot better at one, two and three than I thought we were going to do. They've stepped it up, but if we're going to do well in the Peach Belt (Tournament), we need four, five and six to step up."

GCSU's tennis team's final to matches will be at home. They host the University of South Carolina at Aiken on Sunday and Augusta State University on Monday.

Current PBC tennis standings

Men

Armstrong Atlantic	7-0
Lander	6-2
GCSU	3-2
Francis Marion	4-3
USC Aiken	4-3
Columbus State	4-3
Augusta State	3-4
North Georgia	0-7
Georgia SW	0-7

Women

Armstrong Atlantic	9-0
Francis Marion	8-0
Clayton State	8-1
Columbus State	6-3
Augusta State	5-4
GCSU	3-3
USC Aiken	4-5
Lander	3-7
UNC Pembroke	1-8
North Georgia	1-8
Georgia SW	0-9

*Standings current as of April 9.

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Briefs: Pettepher goes distance, K's 8

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team collected two important Peach Belt Conference wins over the weekend.

The Bobcats swept Sunday's games at No. 23 Francis Marion University, but fell in the series final on Sunday.

Saturday's games saw two strong pitching performances from Bobcat starters.

In game one, freshman Eric Pettepher threw a complete game, allowing only two runs on seven hits and fanning eight Patriot batters to collect his third win of the season.

Six Bobcats recorded multi-hit games in the 13-2 win.

Game two saw senior lefty Shaun Monica continue the dominance on the mound.

Monica threw 7.1 innings, allowing five hits and three runs while striking out seven batters.

Sophomore centerfielder Sean Harrell paced GCSU with two hits in the game as the Bobcats took a 6-4 victory.

The third game was close, but FMU was able to take a 4-3 victory after sophomore pitcher Clete Jessup struggled early allowing three runs in 3.1 innings.

Redshirt freshman designated hitter Richard Pirkle recorded a perfect three-for-three night at the plate.

The Bobcats host No. 7 Columbus State University Friday and Saturday in important PBC contests.

Softball takes two

The GCSU softball team took a pair of wins from Columbus

Wednesday night to improve to 10-6 in the PBC.

In game on junior ace Mandy Chandler continued her dominance on the mound allowing only four hits and one earned run in her complete game.

Senior rightfielder Brianna Hope led the Lady Bobcats at the plate with two hits, two RBI's and a run in the 4-2 win.

In game two, Chandler grabbed her eighteenth victory of the season in relief.

Junior designated hitter Chelsea Wilson notched a perfect three-for-three game with three RBI's including her fifth homerun of the season as the Lady Bobcats took a 6-4 win.

Huffin makes All-Freshman team

Freshman guard Dominique Huffin was awarded for her stellar offensive play in her rookie season by being named to the Women's Division II Bulletin National All-Freshman basketball team.

Huffin, who was named freshman of the year in the PBC earlier, was the first Lady Bobcat ever to be selected to this team.

Huffin averaged 13.9 points per game shooting 41.5 percent from the floor, while averaging 24.3 minutes per game.

Huffin, who started 17 games, also notched 72 rebounds, 28 steals and 25 assists on the season.

The Lady Bobcats posted a 13-15 record last season, while going 8-12 in the PBC.

The ladies lost five seniors to graduation, but Huffin will look to lead the team to a better season in 2008-2009.



FILE PHOTO
Freshman hurler Eric Pettepher threw the Bobcats' first complete game of the season last weekend as he beat Francis Marion University.



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Junior pitcher Tonya Medders (11) struggled on the mound Wednesday, but junior Mandy Chandler relieved her to record her eighteenth win of the season and second of the day.

Golf

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tournament. Bidé was the only golfer in the top ten for GCSU, tying for ninth.

After a week off, the Bobcats returned to play on April 7 in Pensacola. The University of West Florida, which placed first in the Bobcat Invitational, hosted the tournament, and the Argos defended their home course well for their second straight victory.

The top-ranked Argos finished 188-0 against Division II competition this season.

The Bobcats returned to their early-season form, holding off Valdosta State University for second place out of 17 teams.

Young had a solid tournament, shooting 71, 74, and 73 for a 218, placing him in a tie for eighth overall.

"The team picked up where we left off before the Bobcat tournament," he said. "We realize that the postseason is coming up, and we elevated our level of play."

Bialet also played well,

finishing tenth, only one stroke above Young's total.

"We still could have played better, but we are definitely ready for the postseason tournaments," Bialet said. "We also now have our top five players set, so that makes things easier."

Their coach was also much more pleased after their final round of the regular season.

"I think we're getting there," Wilson said. "Four guys had rounds under par, which is certainly encouraging, so I'd say we're looking good heading into the postseason."

The team currently sits at No. 10 in the Golf World/Nike Golf Division II rankings. The Golfstat head-to-head standings have the Bobcats tied for ninth at 179-9 in division play.

The Peach Belt Conference championship tournament will take place April 21 and 22 in Aiken, S.C. A strong showing there will result in an NCAA regional tournament berth, with the national championship tournament awaiting the top teams.



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Swim Cats

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the team.

"Our team is different because we are a growing team," Bachman said. "Our goal is to gain more members each year and not just members but talented and committed members who have a love for the sport."

Zudekoff said the team has other goals too.

"The goal every year is the same: to improve on your times, have fun and out swim competing teams," she said. "We really want people to know that anyone can be a Swim Cat, there is commitment involved, but we have such a great time throughout the year. It's just like gaining a whole new group of friends

that become like family."

The Swim Cats practice five days a week, Monday through Thursday at 5:30 a.m., and then Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m.

"The practices in the morning are hard to get up for, but they start the day off great," Zudekoff said. "The team is really close. We enjoy all our practices but hanging out as well."

At recent meets, the team has been performing at a high level for such a small competing team.

"This season has been great; we have competed in nearly eight meets and placed in the top four of most, but due to our smaller size we have not been able to place in the top two," Bachman said.

The Swim Cats have competed against large university teams such as the

University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Elon University, the University of Tennessee, Florida State University, Ohio University, Indiana University and many more.

"We've had more swimmers join than any season before," Zudekoff said. "The freshmen that joined this year were amazing. At meets everyone is supportive and cheers for those in the water. Blaire Bachman, our president, loves this sport so much - she's a great motivator and leader for this team."

The next and final meet of the season will be held at Georgia Southern University on April 19. Anyone interested in joining the Swim Cats can contact Bachman for more information.

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